

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

August 6, 2019

Minutes

Board Members

Jay Baisley
Bill Carlos
Rob Rolison
Marc Nelson

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Craig Wallace, Wallace & Wallace
Brian Martinez, City Finance Budget Analyst
Don Beer, Clark Patterson Lee
Doreen Tignanelli, Town Customer

1. Approval of July 2, 2019 Minutes

Marc Nelson introduced Craig Wallace of Wallace and Wallace and Brian Martinez.

Minutes were approved 4-0.

2. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli requested a copy of the resolution approved by Board concerning Hudson River Dye Test.

Doreen stated that if information is to be reviewed during a meeting it must be posted or handed out at the meeting.

3. Plant Status Report

Randy Alstadt stated that plant continues to operate well. Randy stated that we had two (2) electrical curtailments in July. Randy reminded Board that the energy curtailment program is a volunteer program which resulted in an income of over \$60,000 in 2018. Randy referred Board to his report.

4. Status of 2019 Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt stated that expenses are on target. Currently expenses are at 44-percent compared to 58-percent of the year.

5. 2020 Operating Budget

Brian Martinez provided Board members the proposed 2020 budget. Jay Baisley stated that he is concerned increase is greater than tax cap. Marc Nelson concurred that City is also concerned. It was agreed that Randy should meet with Bill Brady and Charlie Emberger Town Comptroller to revise for September meeting.

6. Acceptance of Final 2018 Reconciliation

Marc Nelson proposed reconciliation to be postponed until September meeting.

7. UV Replacement Project – Update

Don Beer stated that Town Map, Plan and Report will be presented to Town Board at their August 21st meeting. Town will then hold a public meeting and

expects final approval early September.

Marc Nelson stated City is closely aligned with Town.

Rob Rolison stated that City may need Joint Water Board presence at Council meeting. Bill Carlos stated he would attend.

Erin Moore reviewed application for grant from state. She stated that deadline is early September so it is important necessary actions be completed.

Marc Nelson asked value of potential grant. Randy Alstadt stated up to 60-percent

8. Central Hudson Plan to Dye Test Hudson River

Randy stated that report was received and that Central Hudson has proposed to update Board at the September meeting. Jay Baisley proposed to hold September Board Meeting at Town Hall to insure adequate seating Marc Nelson expressed agreement.

Bill Carlos expressed concern that once coal tar is disturbed it will disperse throughout the water column. Bill stated that they are scheduled to dredge 7 acres of river bottom. Bill stated that in lieu of dredging with a clam shell there is the possibility of using a vacuum dredge. Bill stated that contamination during dredging could enter our intake in 12 minutes.

Bill proposed that the Board have a legal document prepared for an injunction to prevent dredging. Rob Rolison stated that Board needs to understand the science before going there. Randy Alstadt stated that the Board has hired Dr. Chant to review proposed dredging and advise on the potential of how great a risk there is to our intake.

Marc Nelson stated that Board letter to DEC has been drafted. He stated he needs to make some minor edits. Marc asked for Board Members to provide comments by the end of the week.

Bill Carlos stated that he believes Board reaction to the proposed dredging is top drawer.

Rob Rolison stated that we may want to get Riverkeeper and Scenic Hudson evolved. Rob agreed that Board has had a measured response to dredging proposal.

9. Request for Water Service to 5 Cobey Terrace

Jay Baisley stated the Town cost to install would be around \$2,500. Jay stated that we will need a Tenancy Agreement prior to performing any work. Marc Nelson suggested cost should be \$1,500 buy in plus cost of construction.

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

Rob Rolison proposed a press release be issued to advise public of UV project.

He stated he will have John Penny prepare. Marc Nelson stated that he believes a press release is a good idea.

Board set next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 3, 2019, 4:30 PM at the Town of Poughkeepsie Town Hall located at 1 Overocker Road